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SUBJECT: INDO-US JOINT COMMISSION

1. HERE FOLLOWS FIRST DRAFT SCOPE PAPER FOR JOINT
COMMISSION:

I. SETTING. THE INDO-US JOINT COMMISSION WAS
ESTABLISHED IN NEW DELHI IN OCTOBER 1974 UNDER AN
AGREEMENT SIGNED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE
INDIA FOREIGN MINISTER. THE FIRST MEETING WAS HELD
IN NEW YORK IN 1975 AND THE SECOND WILL BE ON
NOVEMBER 27, 1977. THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BE HELD
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE VISIT OF PRESIDENT CARTER
TO INDIA, IS THE FIRST SINCE BOTH COUNTRIES ELECTED
NEW GOVERNMENTS.

II. GENERAL GOALS. THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMISSION
IS TO OVERSEE THE WORK OF THREE SUBCOMMISSIONS:
EDUCATION/CULTURE; SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY; ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL;
WHICH IN TURN MEET ANNUALLY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON
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BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL ISSUES WITHIN THESE THREE
BROAD AREAS OF INTEREST. THE OBJECTIVE IS TO MOBILIZE
THE TWO BUREAUCRACIES TOWARD PROGRESS ON THESE ISSUES
WHILE ISOLATING THEM TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE FROM THE
POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP. (BELOW THIS WILL BE BACKGROUND
OF THREE SUBCOMMISSIONS EXTRACTED FROM JOINT COMMISSION
BACKGROUND PAPER FOR PRESIDENT'S VISIT.)

A. ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL SUBCOMMISSION

B. EDUCATION AND CULTURE "

C. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY "

III. SPECIFIC GOALS FOR NEXT YER. THE GENERAL OBJECTIVE FOR THE COMING YEAR IS TO EXPAND THE SCOPE OF THE JOINT COMMISSION THROUGH THE THREE EXISTING SUB-COMMISSIONS. TO ACCOMPLISH THIS,THE JOINT COMMISSION SHOULD ESTABLISH SPECIFIC GOALS FOR EACH OF THE THREE SUBCOMMISSIONS.

A. EDUCATION AND CULTURE: THE JOINT COMMISSION SUPPORTS THE OBJECTIVE OF THE SUBCOMMISSION TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF FELLOWSHIPS FROM TEN TO FIFTEEN AND TO INITIATE A VISITORSHIP PROGRAM; TO HOLD TWO SEMINARS IN 1977-78; TO OPEN AN EXHIBITION IN INDIA IN 1978 AND ONE IN THE US IN 1979; AND TO EXCHANGE FILMS AND TV DOCUMENTARIES DURING THE COMING YEAR. IN ADDITION, SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN FUNDS TO SUPPORT SUBCOMMISSION ACTIVITIES WILL BE SOUGHT BY BOTH GOVERNMENTS.

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B. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: THE JOINT COMMISSION SUPPORTS EXPANSION OF COOPERATIVE RESEARCH IN NEW FIELDS OF WILDLIFE AND HABITAT, SOLAR ACTIVITY RELATED TO WEATHER PHENOMENA, OCEANOGRAPHY, EARTH SCIENCES, AND SMALL INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES. BOTH GOVERNMENTS UNDERTAKE TO INCREASE FUNDS THAT WILL PERMIT FURTHER EXPANSION OF THE NUMBER OF JOINT RESEARCH PROJECTS UNDER THE SUBCOMMISSION.

C. ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL. THE JOINT COMMISSION WELCOMES THE EXPANSION OF THE JOINT ACTIVITIES UNDER THE AGRICULTURE INPUT WORKING GROUP AND PROPOSES TO CHANGE ITS NAME TO AGRICULTURE TECHNOLOGY GROUP WITH A BROAD DIRECTION TO MAINTAIN A DIALOGUE AND INITIATE JOINT DISCUSSIONS AND RESEARCH PROJECTS IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE INPUTS, MARKETING AND PROCESSING. ANOTHER GROUP - INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY GROUP - SHOULD BE FORMED TO UNDERTAKE JOINT DISCUSSIONS AND RESEARCH IN SMALL SCALE INDUSTRY TECHNOLOGY, APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY, AND GOVERNMENT SPONSORED INDUSTRIAL HIGH TECHNOLOGY. THE JOINT COMMISSION, IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE,

PROPOSES THAT THE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SUBCOMMISSION CONTINUES TO BE CO-CHAIRLED AT THE SAME LEVEL AS THIS YEAR'S MEETING; AND THAT THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SUBCOMMISSION CO-CHAIRMEN BE UPGRADED TO A SIMILAR LEVEL IN THE COMING YEAR.

IV. SCENARIO.

A. OPENING REMARKS BY TWO PRINCIPALS

B. TABLING OF REPORTS OF THREE SUBCOMMISSIONS

C. REVIEW AND SIGNING OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE

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D. GENERAL DISCUSSIONS BY TWO PRINCIPALS ON BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL ISSUES

2. WE WILL DRAFT JOINT COMMUNIQUE AND DISCUSS WITH GOI ITEM III ABOVE, DRAFT REPORTS OF THREE SUBCOMMISSIONS WHICH WE HAVE HERE, AND THE DRAFT JOINT COMMUNIQUE. GOI COMMENTS WILL BE FORWARDED AS RECEIVED.
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